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The ability to communicate the myriad of threats and other impacting events from multiple sources (i.e., cities, law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, federal agencies, state agencies, utilities, transportation/port/airport authorities, etc.) effecting and impacting businesses and the general population of the Los Angeles region necessitates that we reevaluate how we gather and make information available to ensure public and business awareness. Improving communications and providing a more open degree of access will allow the development of strategies for minimizing the impact of local and national events on businesses and other interested organizations. Several municipalities, including the City of New York, have implemented technology-based event tracking and status systems to reflect events from multiple sources within their respective regions. This has proved to be advantageous to the citizens, schools, government organizations and local businesses in allowing a common portal into current security or other impacting events and their status.

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The County of Los Angeles has demonstrated a high degree of responsiveness to past natural disasters and in collaborating with other municipalities in responding to national threats under the guise of Homeland Security. While each County organization has systems for capturing event information and providing status, the majority of these systems are independent and do not readily share information in a collaborative fashion. To enhance information sharing and provide improved public and local business accessibility it is recommended that:

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Information Officer (CIO) coordinate with the Chief Administrative Officer/Office of Emergency Management, Sheriff, Fire, Internal Services Department, Department of Public Works and other departments as required to assess the Candle Corporation NC4 system as a solution for improving regional communications and status visibility into the numerous national and local events effecting the general population and businesses located within the Los Angeles region.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the CIO return in 90 days with a report delineating the benefits, community value, implementation criterion, requirements for non-County department participation, projected timeframe for a phased implementation, estimated startup and sustaining operating costs and requirements that would need to be addressed in developing a contract with the Candle Corporation in entering into a public/private partnership.

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